

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

July 2011

NEWS AND EVENTS

First Independent Bank Assists Davis Observatory

A \$1,000 donation from First Independent Bank of Nevada will benefit the Jack C. Davis Observatory at WNC Carson City.

The funds will help support enhancements at the observatory, including a project to expand the viewing platform in order to accommodate more people at the Saturday night Star Parties.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-30b.php>



(l-r) Mike Thomas, Greg Nixon, Helaine Morres, Robert Collier.



Roast for Helaine Jesse Morres Raises \$17,500

Helaine Morres' retirement roast on June 17 put a fine capstone on her outstanding WNC career. The event raised \$17,500 for Wildcat Athletics, the Jack C. Davis Observatory, Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company and Fallon campus scholarships. The event attracted more than 170 attendees, including community leaders and long-time friends of the college, donors and volunteers. Morres raised more than \$17 million for WNC in her time at the college. <http://www.wnc.edu/foundation/>

POST Cadets Honor Fallen Officers

Cadets from the college's Western Nevada State Peace Officer Academy completed their annual pride run in June, which began at the college and ended at the Law Enforcement Memorial on the grounds of the state capitol. The cadets ran in honor of fallen law enforcement officers. Sheriff Ken Furlong spoke at the memorial.



IN THE ARTS



Auditions Set for 'Phantom'

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company invites auditions for the upcoming production of *Phantom of the Opera*, on Tuesday, Aug. 2, for leads and ensembles, and Thursday, Aug. 4, for dancers. Due to strict contract restrictions, the auditions will be open to continuing WNC students only.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-30c.php>

Professor and Student Each Receive Arts Honors, Assistance

A WNC student and faculty have both received help to pursue their artistic endeavors. The Nevada Arts Council recently awarded their 2012 Artist Fellowship funding to 15 Nevada artists, including creative writing student Josh Galarza, and Counseling, Guidance and Personnel Services Professor Susan Priest. Galarza received a first-place honor and \$5,000 in the literary arts category. He will use the grant to produce art during the fellowship year and present a free public event. Priest received an honorable mention and a \$500 award for her submission of creative/non-fiction prose.

COLLEGE CORNER

New Directors Fill Key Vacancies

Two new administrative faculty members have joined the WNC family in critical leadership positions that were recently vacated: workforce development-community education, and the WNC Foundation.



Amy Ginder joins Western as the Director of Development at the WNC Foundation. She brings 13 years of outreach and communications experience, including four years in higher education through the University Studies Abroad Consortium located at UNR. She also worked at the Nevada Commission on Tourism. Amy recently returned from the East Coast, where she completed her master's degree at New York University.

"I'm thrilled to be back in Nevada," she said. "I'm looking forward to working with the dedicated faculty, staff and friends of WNC."

David Steiger is the new Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. He joins WNC from Nevada Industry Excellence, formerly known as the Manufacturing Assistance Partnership. He has worked closely with WNC to develop a manufacturer's collaborative in which local companies designate specific WNC classes that enhance the skills of their employees. David says he's "looking forward to the opportunity to connect the workforce development and continuing education resources that WNC offers with the communities we serve."



Top Students Named to Spring Dean's List

Congratulations to 372 WNC students who 'made the grade' this spring. They earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while completing 12 or more units.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-28a.php>

Western Launches New Online Learning Platform

Students taking web courses are now accessing their classes through WNC Online, the college's new web learning system that is powered by Moodle. Students and instructors have access to improved teaching and learning tools including blogs, wikis and a social learning space. WNC Online Connected enables interaction among students, creation of friend groups, content and note sharing, events and information posting, Twitter updates, submitting comments or questions, and more. WNC Online also has mobile-friendly apps for the iPhone and Android, providing students to access to learning on the go. www.wnc.edu/wnconline/

ATHLETICS

Baseball Named an NJCAA All-Academic Team

WNC's baseball team has again been named one of the top academic teams in the country for their success in the classroom as well as on the field. In addition, three Wildcats baseball players have been awarded individual recognition for their academic excellence. Brooks Klein and Sean Dwyer each were honored for Superior Academic Achievement - Klein had a 3.98 GPA while Dwyer had a 3.97 GPA. Patrick McMeel was honored for Exemplary Academic Achievement with a 3.78 GPA.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-07-01a.php>

Student Athletes Make the Grade

Wildcats baseball and softball teams have fought all year on the field and now they've proven their strength in the classroom as well. The teams have earned higher than a B average, outperforming all other full-time students, collectively, at the college. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-17a.php>



WNC Softball Welcomes New Assistant Coach

Softball Coach Leah Wentworth welcomes new assistant coach Rosie Contri. A 1999 graduate from Douglas High School, Contri played four years of basketball at Willamette University, then played basketball professionally in Germany for a year before returning to northern Nevada to start her coaching career. She has coached high school basketball and softball with a continual focus on techniques to develop young athletes.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-07-05a.php>

More Student Athletes Commit to Universities

Three more Western Nevada College student athletes have committed to play in university programs in 2012. Pitchers Kody Gorden and Tony Guerra, and second baseman Jonathan Sigado are the newest signees among eight 2011 Wildcats baseball players who are moving up to the university level in 2012-13.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-23a.php>

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, Aug. 29 – Fall Classes Begin – Register now at <http://www.wnc.edu/my/>